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The first one-day international was played between traditional rivals Australia and England at Melbourne on 5th January 1971.

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Live at 8:55 pm



Heath Streak
(Zimbabwe cricket captain)
"I've worked more on my batting in the latter stages of my career. When I first came onto the scene I focused on my bowling. But the body's not getting any younger, so I've got to chip in with the runs to keep my spot in the side."
After scoring his maiden century on the second day of the first Test against West Indies in Harare.

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1. What was Nafis Iqbal's score against England in the first innings of the second practice match?

120	118	122
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2. What was Matthew Hayden's world record score in Test cricket?

379	380	381
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3. Who won the Women's World Cup football title?

USA	Germany	Sweden
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4. Who became nat'l kabaddi champions?

Army	BDR	Navy
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Styris loses all the money

AFP, Cuttack
New Zealand's Scott Styris was on Friday fined his entire match fees for showing dissent during his team's four-wicket win over hosts India here on Thursday night.
Styris was fined 1,500 US dollars by referee Ranjan Madugalle of Sri Lanka for using abusive language after being declared leg-before to spinner Murali Kartik.
"Scott got a fair hearing and it is not something that we condone or want to see in our players," team manager Lindsay Crockett told reporters here.



WHAT MAKES THEM SO HAPPY? England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff (L) savages a Bangladesh bowler on way to a gusty 53-ball 55, but the first one-day international at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday was not that harsh all the time as the Chittagong spectators also found some moments to be cheerful.



PHOTOS: ZOBAER HOSSAIN SIKDER

'Suicide really'

BISHWAJIT ROY from Chittagong

Even a perennial optimist like Dav Whatmore was searching for solace after watching the horror show by his boys in the first one-day international against England.
The Bangladesh coach was gasping for words for the first few minutes when he appeared along with captain Khaled Mahmud to provide the post-mortem of Bangladesh's 7-wicket decapitation at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.
The gloomy-faced 49-year-old was the first to admit that his boys had not put enough runs on the board.
"We didn't get runs that's why we lost the match. We lost the way and I have not witnessed anything like that before. We were going along quite nicely but suddenly we were five wickets down in the space of two eventful overs and that shattered everything. It was just suicide really."

said Whatmore reflecting on his team's batting failure. Bangladesh made 143 runs before being all out in 44.4 overs.
"It might be a number of things but what we have seen is not at all acceptable. But I think the boys are not bad players and they don't deserve to be bowled out for 80 or 90 runs," he said.
Despite suffering their 45th consecutive defeat, Whatmore still wanted to point to some positives from the one-sided affair.
"Some positives did come out of it like the team reached 143 runs after losing seven wickets for 66 only."
Whatmore however was quick to dismiss that the Chittagong wicket had anything to do with Bangladesh's batting failure.
"In terms of wicket perhaps Bangladesh batsmen were deceived by the bounce but it was not a fast track. I think this was a good wicket and if we could have got 220-230 runs on the board it might have been a different ball game," explained the Sri Lankan-

born Australian.
Whatmore was however full of praise for England's talented all-rounder Andrew Flintoff, who celebrated his return from injury claiming four wickets for 14 runs and then smashed an unbeaten 55 off 52 balls.
"Freddie came up in the second team and frustrated everybody. He is an exciting cricketer and has a couple of decent and favourable years ahead of him," said Whatmore about the Lancashire man-of-the-match.
While Whatmore dominated the post-match show captain Mahmud was down in the dumps especially after a section of the home crowd turned on him.
"Definitely this was not a nice reception. There is a need for some patience although the home crowd always carries high expectation. But I didn't mind because we didn't perform well," said the beleaguered Mahmud, who scored a duck in the

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Contrasting wins for AIUB, Jessore

SPORTS REPORTER

An all-round performance from Shanto helped American International University of Bangladesh (AIUB) record a marginal one-wicket win over Kushtia in one of the two Emirates 27th National Cricket Championship robin league matches at the Mymensingh Stadium yesterday.
In the other match, Jessore trounced Mymensingh by 117 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.
Shanto, the AIUB new-ball bowler, took four wickets for 26 runs to help his team book Kushtia for a paltry 92 in 45.3 overs after they elected to bat.
Shanto was given good support by left-arm seamer Monjurul Islam who captured three for 15.
Kabir was the lone Kushtia batsman to reach double figures with 27 while their highest contribution of 32 runs came as extras.
In reply, AIUB were also in trouble when they lost eight wickets for only 53 runs.
However, it was Shanto again who

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SERIES SALAD

SAHAJIDUL ISLAM, Chittagong

Bangladesh's batsmen once again fell like a pack of cards in the first of the three match one-day series much to the frustration of a packed holiday crowd at the MA Aziz Stadium here yesterday.
The second Test venue of the country wore a carnival look with cricket fans from all over the port city making their presence felt with non-stop cheering, clapping and beating of drums even though there was no fireworks in the middle.
Some entered the venue holding up very eye-catching banners, posters. They also did not forget to show their patriotism by waving the red and green national flag.
But all the zeal and enthusiasm was killed before the game could take a real shape.
The home fans lost their heart once local boy Nafees Iqbal walked back to the dressing room after making nine on debut. The talented right-hander stunned the audience playing at a

delivery, which he should have left alone.
It signalled the beginning of the end for Bangladesh's innings.
SLASH MATCH FEE
After the Tigers were bowled out for 143 there were calls for heads to roll.
A former cricketer and now a Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) official couldn't conceal his emotion after watching the batsmen throwing their wickets one after another. He burst into a fit of rage when this correspondent came across him.
"The players should be penalised. And their match fee should also be slashed to give them an exemplary lesson," said the angry cricketer.
He also observed that even a veteran like himself who has retired could have done better than what the present team had done here yesterday.
WHY AM I HERE?
It was 10.45am. And England had just completed the demolition when Shah Alam, an engineer of Bangladesh Telephone and Telegraph Board

Coming up slowly, surely

REUTERS, Chittagong
All-rounder Andrew Flintoff, man-of-the-match in the first one-day international against Bangladesh on Friday, concedes he spent more time than he should have near the bottom of the class.
"I think I've been quite a slow learner over the years," Flintoff said.
"It's taken longer than I had hoped and probably everyone else had hoped, but things are starting to come right for me."
The 25-year-old grabbed one-day best figures of four for 14 and capped that with a blistering unbeaten 55 to lead England to a seven-wicket win.
Captain Michael Vaughan, however, seemed to have no problems with Flintoff's rate of progress since his debut as a 20-year-old in 1998.
"Flintoff was fabulous," Vaughan said. "He's become a very important player for England. Particularly in the one-day side, he'll be one of the keys for us over the next few years."
The Lancashire all-rounder, nicknamed 'Freddie' after cartoon character Fred Flintstone and one of the hardest hitters in the world

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Over-caring father!

RABEED IMAM

One feels for Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore.
The Sri-Lanka born Australian has been a father figure for his charges and has defended his notoriously undisciplined batsmen with utmost conviction. But it appears now that his good intentions have backfired as the Tigers' batters are acting like spoilt brats.
Yesterday's terrible batting collapse against England at Chittagong was another example of carelessness and lack of pride that has become an unfortunate trait for Bangladesh in one-day internationals. Which is rather inexplicable, as they are not novices in this form of the game. It was Bangladesh's 80th one-day international and any excuses of inexperience just don't hold water.



MONIRUZZAMAN

Bashar has continued to play outrageously ambitious strokes without any

regard for the need of the team while Kapali is struggling to cope with his talent. That attitude has become infectious with even Rajin Saleh trying to bat without a care in the world!
More than anything, the team composition for the first ODI prompted more questions than answers. Three young cricketers were given their debuts, which was a mind-boggling decision.
Nafees Iqbal, who had a frantic flight home from Pakistan, only arrived in Chittagong on Thursday afternoon. So, the team think-tank's logic behind sending him to open the batting only hours later can only be termed over-enthusiastic.
Despite all his apparent talent, Iqbal is low on confidence following a forgettable Asian under-19s campaign where he hardly put bat to ball

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ACU looks into BNS power cut

CRICINFO, undated

The International Cricket Council's (ICC) flying squad, the Anti-Corruption Unit, has investigated the floodlight failure on the third day of the first Test between Bangladesh and England at the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) in Dhaka last month.
The blackout occurred at the end of the third day's play at a time when Bangladesh had just begun their first innings and were facing a hostile opening spell from Stephen Harmison.
The investigation was prompted by questions as to why the power failure only affected the floodlights and not any other electrical supply on the ground. It was that which made the official Bangladesh Cricket Board explanation that there had been "a grid failure somewhere down the line" fodder for the con

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Bangladesh opener Hannan Sarker flicks one on way to scoring 30, the highest individual score for the hosts at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

BD-ENG SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first one-day international between Bangladesh and England at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Friday:

BANGLADESH		R	M	B	4	6
Hannan Sarker c Chris Read b Andrew Flintoff	30	80	55	5	0	0
Nafees Iqbal c Marcus Trescothick b James Anderson	9	29	19	0	0	0
Habibul Bashar c Chris Read b Andrew Flintoff	10	28	22	1	0	0
Rajin Saleh c Rizki Clarke b Ashley Giles	2	16	8	0	0	0
Alok Kapali lbw b Ashley Giles	0	9	3	0	0	0
Khaled Mahmud c Chris Read b Andrew Flintoff	0	2	2	0	0	0
Mushfiqur Rahman c and b Ashley Giles	0	8	2	0	0	0
Manjurul Islam run out (Blackwell/Vaughan)	18	82	60	2	0	0
Khaled Mashud c Michael Vaughan b Rizki Clarke	13	62	45	1	0	0
Jamaluddin Ahmed not out	18	45	28	2	0	0
Tapash Baisya c and b Andrew Flintoff	14	32	28	1	0	0
Extras: (b-4, lb-14, w-8, nb-3)	29					
Total: (All out in 44.4 overs)	143					

Fall of wickets: 1-16 (Iqbal), 2-50 (Bashar), 3-65 (Saleh), 4-65 (Hannan), 5-65 (Mahmud), 6-65 (Kapali), 7-66 (Mushfiq), 8-100 (Mashud), 9-107 (Manjurul), 10-143 (Tapash)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
James Anderson	10	2	33	1
Richard Johnson	8	2	23	0
Andrew Flintoff	9.4	4	14	4
Ashley Giles	10	1	29	3
Rizki Clarke	6	0	24	1
Ian Blackwell	1	0	2	0

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Russell, Rahmatganj fill up the blanks

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Striker Murad Hossain Milan struck twice in the 18th and 30th minutes while Ashraf Awal Apu sealed the fate of the insurance men in the 37th minute.
Away at Mirpur's Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, the first-half between Rahmatganj and Badda failed to produce anything.
But, the match was settled in the 51st minute when Daniel guided the ball into his own post as he was trying to clear a shot off opposition midfielder Siraj.
With Rahmatganj and Sheikh Russell's passages, the eight-team second round line-up was completed. Mohammedan Sporting Club, Abahani Krira Chakra, Muktiyoddha Sangsad and Dhanmondi Club are the automatic qualifiers as last year's semfinalists.
Arambagh Krira Sangha and Dhaka Wanderers Club are the other

Sheikh Russell blanked Sadharan Bima by three goals to nil at the Bir Shreshtha Shaheed Mustafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur while a suicidal goal from defender Daniel saw Badda Jagarani go out of the tournament with a 0-1 defeat to Rahmatganj in Mirpur.
Sheikh Russell, promoted to Premier Division only last year, confirmed their progress early by scoring all the three goals in the first-half.

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Bangladesh players gather to celebrate the dismissal of England opener Vikram Solanki.

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